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Request for Reconsideration

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the removal of the finality of the Office Action in response to the Request for Continued Examination. This Paper is being filed in response to the Official Action dated December 18, 2002, following the new guidelines for Responses (37 CFR §1.121). Kindly reconsider allowance of the claims in view of the following remarks.

A petition for a one-month extension of time accompanies this response. We believe no other fee is due. If any additional fee is due please charge our Deposit Account Number 19-0733.